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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0043 to read as follows:

[0001] [0043] As shown in FIGS. 3-9, the chair 10 is so constructed as to have synchronous movement of the seat 12 and back 14. To this end, a pair of main seat and back supports 24 are rigidly attached to a central support module 25 having a hub 26 for frictionally receiving the upper end of a gas cylinder 28. The gas cylinder 28 is preferably a two-stage type available from Stablis GmbH of Germany. This cylinder 28 is operable by a manually pivotable lever 30 which activates the cylinder 28 for height and adjustability of the chair 10 in a manner well-known in the art. The chair arms 16 are rigidly connected to the supports 24. A seat pan 32 is pivotably connected at its front end to the forward end of the supports 24. A support (skeleton?) back frame assembly 34 is also pivotably connected to the upper rear of the supports 24. The chair back 14 in the preferred embodiment is of fabric mesh 36 construction supported around its periphery by a carrier 38. An adjustable lumbar support member 40 slidably connects to the carrier and bears against the back support assembly 34.

Please amend paragraph 0057 to read as follows:

[0057] In order to support the mesh 36 around its edges, the aforementioned carrier 38 is used. The physical connection of the carrier 38 to the mesh 36 may be performed in a number of ways. However, a most reliable connection is disclosed in co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/656,491, filed by Timothy P. Coffield on September 6, 2000 and titled Bonding Strip for Load Bearing Fabric. FIGS. 32 and 33 illustrate a carrier 36 comprising two halves 230 and 232 disposed on opposite sides of the edge portion of mesh 36. The two halves 230 and 232 may, in one form, be formed with internal grooves 234. The halves are placed in a fixture 236 together with an adhesive 238. The adhesive extends through warps and wefts of the fabric 36 and into pockets ~~240~~ formed by the grooves 234 and, once cured, creates a mechanical interconnection that is of high strength and durability.